



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Media Summary



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### Maryland Wheat and Barley Yields Up *Peach Production Down*

Based on the July Yield survey for conditions around July 1<sup>st</sup>, Maryland farmers are expecting a winter wheat yield of 66 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from 2001 and up 1 bushel from the June 1 forecast. Harvested acreage is up 5,000 acres from last year. This year's forecasted production is 11.9 million bushels, up roughly 900 thousand bushels from last year due to both an acreage increase and an increase in expected yield. According to the Maryland Crop Progress Report, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 60 percent of the winter wheat acres had been harvested, which was 29 percent ahead of the five year average at that time.

Barley yield is forecast at 81 bushels per acre, a 6 bushel increase from 2001. Barley harvested acreage is down 10,000 acres from last year. Forecasted production is 3.3 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year. The barley harvest was virtually complete July 1, finishing about a week ahead of normal.

Summer potato production is forecast at 1.2 million cwt, unchanged from 2001.

Peach production is forecast at 8.2 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2001 and 9 percent from 2000.

### U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down 5 Percent

U.S. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.18 billion bushels, the lowest level since 1971. The production forecast is down 5 percent from last month and down 13 percent from 2001. The decline in production from the June forecast is due to a reduction in harvested acreage and a lower forecasted yield. Acres for harvest as grain are forecast at 29.8 million, 1 percent below the June forecast and down 5 percent from 2001. This is the smallest harvested acreage since 1917. The U.S. yield is forecast at 39.6 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month.

Barley production for 2002 is forecast at 265 million bushels, 6 percent above 2001. Based on July 1 conditions, producers expect to harvest an average of 59.0 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last year. Area harvested, at 4.50 million acres, is up 210,000 acres from 2001.

Summer Potatoes production of summer potatoes is forecast at 18.6 million cwt, a gain of 3 percent from a year ago. Harvest is expected from 60,600 acres, up 3 percent from last year, with an average yield of 307 cwt per acre, down 2 cwt from 2001.

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# ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2001 AND 2002

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
<b>Maryland</b>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	490	500	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	410	425	136	<sup>3</sup>	55,760	<sup>3</sup>
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	75	<sup>4</sup>	15	<sup>4</sup>	1,125	<sup>4</sup>
Soybeans	BU	520	510	515	505	39	<sup>3</sup>	20,085	<sup>3</sup>
Sorghum <sup>1</sup>	BU	9	5	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	8	4	83	<sup>3</sup>	664	<sup>3</sup>
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	1	<sup>4</sup>	14	<sup>3</sup>	14	<sup>3</sup>
Winter Wheat	BU	190	195	175	180	63	66	11,025	11,880
Barley	BU	55	45	51	41	75	81	3,825	3,321
All Hay	TON	----	----	225	220	2.3	<sup>3</sup>	522	<sup>3</sup>
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	65	70	3.1	<sup>3</sup>	202	<sup>3</sup>
Other Hay	TON	----	----	160	150	2.0	<sup>3</sup>	320	<sup>3</sup>
Tobacco <sup>2</sup>	LBS	----	----	2.2	1.7	1,450	<sup>3</sup>	2,755	<sup>3</sup>
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	250	250	1,175	1,175
<b>United States</b>								<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	75,752	78,947	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	68,808	72,081	138.2	<sup>3</sup>	9,507	<sup>3</sup>
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	6,148	<sup>4</sup>	17	<sup>4</sup>	102	<sup>4</sup>
Soybeans	BU	74,105	72,993	73,000	72,029	39.6	<sup>3</sup>	2,891	<sup>3</sup>
Sorghum <sup>1</sup>	BU	10,252	9,290	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	8,584	7,908	59.9	<sup>3</sup>	515	<sup>3</sup>
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	336	<sup>4</sup>	11.1	<sup>3</sup>	4	<sup>3</sup>
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,078	41,362	31,295	29,764	43.5	39.6	1,361	1,178
Barley	BU	4,967	5,048	4,289	4,499	58.2	59.0	250	265
All Hay	TON	----	----	63,511	64,709	2.47	<sup>3</sup>	157	<sup>3</sup>
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,812	24,134	3.37	<sup>3</sup>	80	<sup>3</sup>
Other Hay	TON	----	----	39,699	40,575	1.93	<sup>3</sup>	76	<sup>3</sup>
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	432.4	435.4	2,293	<sup>3</sup>	992	<sup>3</sup>
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	60.9	63.6	58.6	60.6	309	307	18	19

<sup>1</sup> Acres planted is for all purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Revised.

<sup>3</sup> Published August 12, 2002

<sup>4</sup> Published January 2003